

REMARKS

Upon entry of the present amendment, claims 1-9 are pending in this application.

Claims 10-16 have been cancelled as drawn to non-elected inventions. Applicants reserve the right to pursue the subject matter of these claims in continuing applications. Claims 1-5 have been amended. No new matter is added.

Rejections under U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph

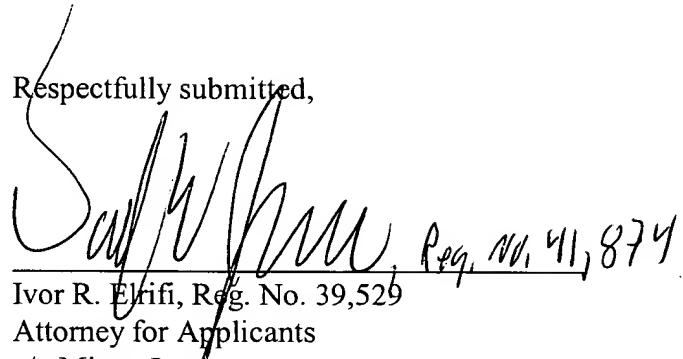
Claims 1-5 have been rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph as being indefinite for reciting “composition-of matter”. Applicants have amended claims 1-5 to delete “of matter”. It is believed this amendment overcomes the rejection.

Double Patenting Rejections

Claims 1-9 have been rejected under the doctrine of obviousness-type double patenting as being unpatentable over claim 7 of U.S. Patent No. 6,372,262. In the interest of expediting prosecution of the present application, Applicants file herewith a terminal disclaimer disclaiming the term of a patent issuing from the present application that extends beyond the expiration date of US Patent No. 6,372,262. Accordingly, withdrawal of this rejection is respectfully requested.

On the basis of the foregoing amendment and remarks, Applicants respectfully submit that the pending claims are in condition for allowance.

Respectfully submitted,



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